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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
144th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 183

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO VOTING ON THE BUDGET AND BOND BILLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Two-thirds of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

1 Section 1. Amend §4, Article II of the Delaware Constitution by inserting immediately prior to the final period
2 thereof, the following:

3 “or to satisfy the requirements of §12 of Article VIII”.

4 Section 2. Amend Article VIII of the Delaware Constitution by adding thereto the following:

5 “§12. Budget and Bond Bill Voting Requirements

6 Neither Chamber of the General Assembly shall vote upon the annual Budget Appropriation Bill
7 (commonly known as the Budget Bill) until at least 3 calendar days have passed since its initial introduction. Neither
8 Chamber of the General Assembly shall vote upon the Capital Budget Bill (commonly known as the Bond Bill) until at
9 least two calendar days have passed since its initial introduction.”

SYNOPSIS

This is the first leg of a Constitutional Amendment to give the Legislature and public at least 3 days to review the Budget Bill prior to voting thereupon and at least 2 days before voting upon the Bond Bill.

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